ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A lithographic printing plate precursor comprising a support having a hydrophilic surface having provided thereon an image-forming layer containing a hydrophobic high molecular compound having at least either a functional group represented by formula (1) or a functional group represented by formula (2):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} O & & & \\ -S & O & & \\ \end{array}$$

wherein \mathbf{X}^+ represents an iodonium ion, a sulfonium ion or a diazonium ion.